

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

ORDER NO. R1-2002-0001
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RECISION OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
ORDER NO. 87-105

FOR

ARCATA REDWOOD COMPANY
ORICK SAWMILL

Humboldt County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (hereinafter Regional Water Board), finds that:

1. On August 26, 1987, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 87-105 for Arcata Redwood Company's Mill A, in Orick, Humboldt County. This Order regulates storm water discharges associated with industrial activity from the 26-acre site. Rainfall comes in contact with logs, bark, chips, and sawdust before draining into a vegetated ditch surrounding the property. The water from the ditch is retained in a heavily vegetated holding pond. Most of the water is used for evapotranspiration by the vegetation or infiltrated into the soil. However, during high rainfall events, runoff exceeds the capacity of the holding pond and discharges into Prairie Creek thence into Redwood Creek, a tributary of the Pacific Ocean.
2. The log decks are not sprinkled and no other sources of process water are discharged to land or surface waters.
3. On February 18, 1992, Arcata Redwood Company submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Comply with the State Water Resources Control Board's General NPDES Permit (NPDES No. CAS000001) to Discharge Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity, Order No. 97-03-DWQ (General Storm Water Permit).
4. On January 4, 1999, ownership of the mill was transferred from the Arcata Redwood Company to Simpson Timber Company. On December 31, 1998, a NOI was submitted by Simpson Timber Company to reflect the change in ownership of the Orick Mill.
5. Order No. 87-105 has never been updated to reflect the change in ownership.

6. Recent staff inspections of the facility reveal that Best Management Practices are effectively employed to limit pollutants in storm water runoff from the site and to minimize discharges into Prairie Creek.
7. Storm water discharges are more effectively regulated under the General Storm Water Permit. It is appropriate that Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 87-105 be rescinded.
8. This action to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), at Public Resources Code Section 12000 et seq., pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b). The Regional Water Board finds that this action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.
9. The Regional Water Board has notified the discharger and interested persons of its intent to rescind Order No. 87-105 and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
10. The Regional Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this matter.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 87-105 for the Arcata Redwood Company is rescinded.

Certification

I, Susan A. Warner, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on January 24, 2002.

Susan A. Warner
Executive Officer